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Jane E. Henney, M.D.  
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Dear Ms. Henney,

This letter is sent in the hopes of urging you to establish a reporting system to determine the quantity, class and dosage of antibiotics used in U.S. agriculture. I am hoping for none to be used for non-therapeutic purposes such as growth promotion.

I quote information sent to me from the Union of Concerned Scientists:

The rise in antibiotic resistance is slowly eliminating the effectiveness of these drugs for treating infectious diseases in people. While the misuse of antibiotics in human medicine is the larger contributor to the problem, there is agreement among public health experts that the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture is also impacting human health by contributing to the rise in drug-resistant microorganisms.

The FDA should move now to establish a system for collecting basic data on agricultural antibiotic use in the United States. The information should be collected for both human and agricultural use and should include the class, indication, dosage, and treatment period.

If we are contributing in any way that is avoidable to the evolution of drug-resistant microorganisms and thus untreatable infectious diseases in humans, we are being incomprehensibly irresponsible. I would understand that the most important mandate of your contract with the American people as a civil servant would be to use all and any of the research tools and legislative power you have to put a stop to any such behavior. I feel especially strong about this issue as the soul benefactors of the abuse is an increase in the profit margins of large corporations.

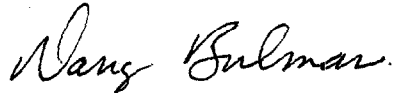
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I am the mother of two beautiful, intelligent girls who could do great things. If they were to die in any way due to this abuse of medical supplies, I will write to you and ask you how I am suppose to carry on knowing their deaths were avoidable.

Please act on this issue! We need to know, it's your job to find out. The human over population problem on this earth should be solved in ways other than the creation of immortal microorganisms.

Yours most sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Bulman". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name.

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